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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, COMPS
Assistant Director, OGD
Assistant Director, OGO

9 AUG 1950

SUBJECT: The Coordination of Collection Activities

REFERENCE: (a) Atomic Energy Intelligence Report of 9 June 1950 and correspondence thereon
(b) CIA Organization and Functions

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1. I desire to improve the coordination of collection activities, so all instances illustrative of unsolved problems in this category will be referred on a continuing basis to the Coordination, Operations and Policy Staff with complete descriptive data and appropriate recommendations for further action. Such examples are desired whether they deal with the situation inside or outside of CIA.

2. It is true, of course, that no blanket solution to the satisfactory coordination of all collection activities can be found overnight, but it is hoped that if adequate information is furnished the Office of the Director that effective action can be taken in many cases, at any rate in the first instance within CIA and thereafter maybe elsewhere throughout the Government.

3. The Assistant Director, OGD, should have and report this information in all instances. Those collection requests which may be received direct by the Assistant Director, OGD, or through the Defector Committee, should also be reported when they have not been resolved to the satisfaction of the requester.

4. The Chief, COMPS, is hereby directed to investigate each case thoroughly and to study the recommendations of the individual offices in consultation with all interested parties, with a view to submitting coordinated recommendations to the Director.

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